

**Table B-8. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by amount borrowed for undergraduate and graduate education and major field of degree: April 1997**

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Undergraduate and graduate loan amount		
		Less than \$10,000	\$10,000-24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	149,500	93,500	33,000	23,000
Major type				
Total science.....	102,500	61,000	22,600	18,900
Total engineering.....	47,000	32,400	10,400	4,100
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	18,200	13,900	2,900	1,400
Life and related sciences, total.....	15,300	8,600	3,600	3,100
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,500	1,700	S	S
Biological sciences.....	10,500	5,500	2,500	2,500
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	2,400	1,400	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,900	5,700	1,300	800
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,700	6,300	2,200	1,100
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,900	2,400	1,000	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	2,400	1,600	600	S
Physics and astronomy.....	3,000	2,100	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	26,400	12,700	6,200	7,500
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,100	13,800	6,300	5,000
Economics.....	4,100	2,400	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	8,100	4,300	1,500	2,300
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,200	2,100	1,100	900
Other social sciences.....	8,700	5,000	2,500	1,200
Engineering, total.....	47,000	32,400	10,400	4,100
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	900	400	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,000	1,500	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,500	4,100	2,000	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,100	11,600	3,200	1,300
Industrial engineering.....	3,200	2,000	900	S
Mechanical engineering.....	7,200	5,300	1,300	S
Other engineering.....	10,400	7,000	2,400	1,100

**KEY:** S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

**NOTES:** Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997